

Pending nominations were read.

The Reporter laid upon the table No. 44, Vol. V. of the Proceedings of the Society, from October, 1849, to March, 1850.

Mr. Trego read to the Society a paper from the Franklin Manuscripts, under date of 26th March, 1778, enclosing a piece of grayish metal proposed for coinage, as being impossible to be counterfeited.

Prof. Frazer was requested to have the specimen analyzed.

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*Stated Meeting, April 19.*

Present, fifteen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the New Jersey Historical Society, dated Newark, 8th April, 1850; and from the Trustees of the New York State Library, dated Albany, 8th April, 1850, acknowledging the receipt of No. 44 of the Proceedings of this Society: and—

Also, from Wm. B. Reed, Esq., accompanying a donation to this Society, from the Lords of the British Treasury, through the Hon. Geo. Bancroft.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Astronomical Observations made at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, in the year 1847, under the direction of George Biddell Airy, Esq., M.A., Astronomer Royal. Published by order of the Board of Admiralty. London, 1849. 4to.—*From the Royal Society of London.*

Fauna Antiqua Sivalensis; being the Fossil Zoology of the Sewalik Hills, in the North of India. By Hugh Falconer, M.D., F.R.S. &c. and Proby T. Cautley, F.G.S. Letter press. Part I. 8vo. and Illustrations, Parts I. to IX. inclusive. Folio. London, 1845, 1849.—*From the Lords of the British Treasury, through the Hon. George Bancroft.*

- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. X. Nos. 1, 2, 3. Nov. 1849, to Jan. 1850. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society. No. 21. Feb. 1850. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Annals and Magazine of Natural History, including Zoology, Botany and Geology. Vol. V. Nos. 26, 27. Feb. and March, 1850. London. 8vo.—*From Sir William Jardine, Baronet.*
- The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXVI. No. 4. April, 1850. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Hints on the Reorganization of the Navy, including an Examination of the Claims of its Civil Officers to an Equality of Rights. By W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M.D. New York, 1845. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Examination of "A Reply to Hints on the Reorganization of the Navy." By W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M.D. New York, 1845. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Diary of a Physician in California; being the results of actual experience; including Notes of the Journey by Land and Water, and Observations on the Climate, Soil, Resources of the Country, &c. By James L. Tyson, M.D. New York, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Notice of some Experiments in Heating and Ventilating Hospitals and other Buildings by Steam and Hot Water; with Remarks. By Thomas S. Kirkbride, M.D., Physician to the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane. Philadelphia, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The Committee (Profs. Kendall and Frazer and Mr. Downes), to which was referred Prof. Loomis' paper "On the Longitude of Hudson (Ohio) Observatory" (see Proceedings of 5th April), reported recommending its publication in the Transactions of the Society, which was ordered accordingly.

The longitude of the observatory, as determined by 449 observations, is 5h. 25m. 41.3s.

There being not a quorum present for the election of candidates for membership, the stated business of the meeting was not transacted.

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